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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Riots Report

FOR the most part, Government's report on the Kowloon riots will satisfy the public's conscience. In presentation it is completely objective; coldly unemotional; impressively factual.

It can be said that several of the conclusions reached in the report confirm opinions held by a substantial section of the community at the time of the riots—that they were spontaneous in origin and subsequently exploited by lawless elements; that there was never any foundation for the suggestion they were planned by a political organisation. To that extent the report completely answers and refutes the wild allegations made by the Communist press in Hong-kong and by Peking Radio.

One of the most disquieting disclosures made is the growing strength of Triad societies, more especially as they are in the main composed of gangsters and other types of criminals. These thugs played the leading role in promoting and sustaining the disorders and while some satisfaction can be derived from the fact that many of them have been rounded up by the police in consequence of the riots, the public are entitled to expect the authorities to step up the tempo of their campaign against these societies from now on.

THE plea is made that because deportation of Triad society members is no longer practicable, and that it is difficult to secure the co-operation of the public in testifying in the courts against these criminals, the police are frustrated in their efforts to stamp out the secret societies. The plan possesses validity; nevertheless these criminals cannot be allowed to hide behind the protection of official frustration and public inertia.

Undoubtedly much more could be done by the community to help the authorities eliminate the unlawful secret societies whose members prey on the public, are a constant menace to the preservation of law and order, and who seduce young people into a criminal way of life. With the ready co-operation of the public the Police could assuredly rid the community of these undesirable. It might well yield profitable results if the Authorities added to their campaign of apprehension a sustained endeavour through all mediums of publicity to win from the community the co-operation that is so sorely needed.

OPINIONS are bound to differ on the question of whether, when rioting resumed on the night of October 10, the military should have been called in to assist the police. But it is not easy to resist the arguments submitted in the official report justifying the decisions made at the time. Apart from other considerations it would be wrong and demoralising to instill in the minds of our police force that they are incapable of dealing with civil disturbances. Nonetheless the report makes it perfectly clear that they need to be better equipped for such a task.

The admission made in the Governor's despatch to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that "several lessons were learned from the riots will not pass unnoticed by the public. The despatch mentions only two—the need for better communications and for greater mobility. One would like to have seen some of the other shortcomings which we believe were largely administrative that were exposed at the time figuring in the report. Their exclusion gives the document an air of incompleteness.

CONGRESS LIKELY TO BACK PRESIDENT'S NEW MIDDLE EAST DOCTRINE

Washington, Jan. 2. Western diplomats are confident tonight that the "Eisenhower doctrine"—a new United States policy for the Middle East—will get powerful Congressional backing in the session that opens tomorrow.

But they said the President would have to throw his full prestige behind the plan to provide economic aid and military protection to the troubled area.

Congressional leaders today received the first draft of President Eisenhower's proposals. The drafts were reported by authoritative State Department sources to suggest several ways in

which Congress could approve the President's imminent request for powers to use military force, as necessary, to preserve the Middle East peace.

President Eisenhower seemed assured of strong bipartisan support for his Middle East "doctrine" which is expected to be submitted formally in a special message to Congress at the end of the week, or by Monday at the latest.

Details of the draft circulated to the Congressional leaders

today were kept secret, but it was learned from State Department sources that the message to Congress would make the following points:

★ The Middle East, together with Western Europe and Formosa, is now considered an area whose security is vital to the United States.

★ A suitable Congressional resolution would confirm the President's constitutional authority to commit forces in the Middle East. Such a

resolution would be the unchallengeable legal basis for action, since Congress has the sole right to declare war.

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Congressional sources said today that, although the Presi-

dent was submitting his proposals on an emergency basis final action could not be expected for at least two or three weeks.

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New Bomb Wave In America

New York, Jan. 2. Schools all over America were targets of bomb hoaxes today and New York's wave of scares passed the 107 mark, with a threat against the world-famous American Museum of Natural History.

Shortly after an anonymous caller telephoned the huge Museum on Central Park West, police and firemen found a suspicious parcel containing a pipe-like object, only a few feet from one of the largest dinosaur skeletons known to exist.

The Museum, which was due to close in 30 minutes, was emptied of all visitors and the police bomb squad was summoned. The device was wrapped in a parcel left among fossil fish just off the hall housing the Museum's priceless collection of bones of prehistoric animals.

The bomb squad took the device away and dismantled it. Officers said it did not contain any explosives.

Spread To Schools

The hoaxes that have kept police in New York and other cities on the move for weeks spread to schools almost as soon as they reopened this morning after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Warnings were telephoned to the City College of New York and a New York post office late today. The College call proved to be a hoax. A suspicious parcel found in the post office contained only harmless pink chalk.

A fresh of bomb scares plagued Connecticut police. Thousands of high school students were evacuated in Hartford. The Bond Hotel in Hartford was "shaken" when an anonymous tip, but nothing was found, and the Underwood typewriter plant in Hartford also was "shaken." United Press.

Russian Flees

Vienna, Jan. 2. A Russian soldier in full uniform but without name was among 267 refugees who crossed the border into Austria from Hungary today. Three Hungarian soldiers were with them. —China Mail Special.

New NZ Governor-General

London, Jan. 2. Buckingham Palace tonight announced the appointment of Viscount Cobham, 47-year-old cricket-playing peer, as Governor-General of New Zealand. Lord Cobham was captain of Worcestershire County cricket team from 1935 to 1939 and was vice-captain of the M.C.C. team which toured New Zealand in 1935-36. An Eton and Cam-

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JUST BLANK PAGES IN 1956

Paris, Jan. 2. Nothing happened in 1956 in the village of Olmet-et-Villecun, in southern France—nothing, anyway, to justify an entry in the pages of the Town Hall register.

The mayor, M. Dejarnac, did not once put on his tricolour sash to officiate at a wedding. Nobody was born and nobody died. The total population of the twin hamlets remained stationary at 76.—China Mail Special.

Crack Test Pilot In Bid To Save Stranded Climbers

Chamonix, Jan. 2. Crack French helicopter test pilot, Jean Boulet, left Paris tonight to take part in tomorrow's new bid to rescue two frost-bitten climbers, stranded for 13 days 12,000 feet up Mont Blanc, and the eight men who tried to save them.

Boulet, 35-year-old holder of the 1955 world altitude record, who also has six world speed records to his credit, will take part in operations in the most French "Alouette" jet helicopter.

Today's rescue operations had to be abandoned after a raging blizzard had forced a reconnaissance "Skorksi" helicopter to turn back.

He noted that Britain and France had abdicated by UN decisions in the Suez crisis and said Russia should do the same in Hungary.

Marshal Bulganin's November 17 letter proposed that the United States, Russia, Britain, France and India call a top-level disarmament meeting.

UN TALKS

Mr. Eisenhower rejected the Russian proposal and said members of secret societies, whose members prey on the public, are a constant menace to the preservation of law and order, and who seduce young people into a criminal way of life. With the ready co-operation of the public the Police could assuredly rid the community of these undesirable. It might well yield profitable results if the Authorities added to their campaign of apprehension a sustained endeavour through all mediums of publicity to win from the community the co-operation that is so sorely needed.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of the Chamonix Mountain Guides today issued a warning to climbers, urging them to avoid undertaking climbs "beyond their capacity in a spirit of vanity", exposing

themselves and rescuers to unnecessary risks.

The Committee's statement added: "We consider that Vincendon and Henry voluntarily placed themselves in this exceptional situation outside the normal Alpine season and that future rescuers have the right to weigh up the risks to which they will be exposed."

The statement continued: "It is not possible even to save two men, for 10 or 15 rescuers to risk certain death, leaving their children fatherless."

CRITICISM

The Mayor of Chamonix, Paul Payot, issued a statement asking for restraint in criticism of the two climbers.

He said that every man had the right to risk his life and pointed out that the risks taken by explorers in the spirit of adventure won the admiration of the world. "Others," he said, "are obliged, in order to satisfy their human aspirations or their desire to conquer the mountain, or merely to conquer themselves, to carry out under perilous conditions difficult climbs in our mountain masses."

—France-Press.

DUKE'S NIECE TO MARRY

London, Jan. 2. Princess Margarita of Baden 24, a niece of the Duke of Edinburgh, announced today she will marry Prince Tomislav of Yugoslavia, 29, eldest brother of ex-King Peter.

The Prince, who owns a fruit farm at Kinsford, Sussex, has a Royal Yugoslav heirloom, a blue sapphire, made into a ring for the engagement ceremony which will be held at the Serbian Orthodox Church in London.

The actual marriage will be next June in Germany, probably at the Prince's home.—United Press.

US TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE EUROPE

Washington, Jan. 2. A writer on foreign policy proposed today that the United States consider a phased withdrawal of Soviet and Western forces from Western Europe as a move toward resolving the U.S. foreign policy dilemma.

Mr. James Warburg of New York made the suggestion in a memorandum to the new Congress, which convenes tomorrow. He said a Soviet-Allied withdrawal agreement could break the disarmament deadlock and set the pattern for a follow-up peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Warburg, war-time deputy director of the Office of War Information, said the United States perhaps was now in the "most serious foreign policy dilemma in its history".

He suggested it make a counter-proposal to the recent Soviet proposal calling for withdrawal of Western and Soviet forces from Europe.—United Press.

12 IRA Suspects Held

Brookeborough, Jan. 2. Irish Republic police tonight held 12 men suspected of having taken part in a bitter gun duel in the streets of this old world village last night.

The bodies of two of the raiders—members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army—were found several miles away.

Today, police and troops on both the Northern Ireland and Republican sides of the border searched for the raiders.

It is believed that there are still about 20 gunmen on the run, somewhere in the bleak hills of County Fermanagh. In this lonely, mountainous area they could easily have established a secret hideout.

As members of the IRA they are pledged to put an end to the partition of Ireland.—Reuters.

Water Supply Critical On Antarctic Ship

Wellington, Jan. 2. The water position aboard the Endeavour, which is carrying the New Zealand Antarctic expedition through heavy seas to McMurdo Sound 300 miles away, was described as "critical" in a radioed despatch.

Drinking water has been rationed and the crew have been forbidden to have showers or wash their clothes.

The Endeavour can make some drinking water, but this is only a fraction of the daily requirements.

At the height of the gale in which the Endeavour has been caught, a roll to port of 47 degrees from the vertical was recorded and waves up to 30 feet broke across the ship.

The hulks, in cages on the deck, took the burst of the gale, and one was nearly washed overboard when its cage broke loose.

Yesterday Sir Edmund Hillary, leader of the expedition, organised a party to secure the cages and feed the dogs.—China Mail Special.

Three Bandits Killed

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 2. Security forces began their 1957 drive against Communist terrorists, by killing three bandits yesterday, the Malayan Government announced today.

The prosecution will attempt to prove that the defendants were guilty of banditry, in no way comparable to the riots in Poznan.—France-Press.

Freezing Temperatures In America

Chicago, Jan. 2. The coldest weather of the winter threatened frost as far south as northern Florida today and pushed the temperature down to 31 degrees below zero in New England.

A man's frozen body was discovered in Winona, Illinois.

The U.S. Weather Bureau promised cold weather from the 24-day cold snap on Thursday through the Middle West and South. New England to Virginia. In the mountainous areas of the east, it was to be 10 degrees below zero.

and France as a much greater threat than the possibility of aggression and proposals to solve the dangerous Arab-Israel dispute and the Anglo-French quarrel with Egypt over Suez.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Representative Carl Vinson, today endorsed President Eisenhower's plea for stand-by authority to act in the Middle East.

He predicted that Congress would approve and said this action "might well" head off a resort to force in the world-famous American Museum of Natural History.

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Published Prejudicial Article

Nicosia, Jan. 2. Charles Foley, editor of the Times of Cyprus, was fined £50 today for publishing an article likely to prejudice the maintenance of law and order.

The owning company, the Times Publication Ltd., was fined a nominal £1.

Mr. Foley said tonight he had decided to appeal against the verdict.

He was acquitted on a charge of publishing an article likely to cause despondency.

TRUTH NO DEFENCE

Sir James Henry, Cyprus Attorney-General, prosecuting, said the article printed by Mr. Foley on November 21 was by Geoffrey Thrush of the London News Chronicle. "A journalist of reputable and independent character," he said. "But, in this case, truth of itself is no defence."

He stressed that the offence lay in the appearance of the article in Cyprus—not in its publication in Britain—and in a time of emergency. The situation was not unlike a war and statements made in war-time that were likely to affect morale.

Counsel read aloud the article which read: "No one knows what next week holds". "Meanwhile anger is spreading in all sections of the community", "Tales are becoming wilder of possible increased violence."

Sir James Henry said the article was accurate and reflected the opinions of different Cyprus communities. Expression of these opinions in absolute factuality, could only have a pacifying influence on readers, who would feel they were not being muzzled and that someone could express their feelings in public.

SITUATION HOPELESS

The effect of the article as a whole was to make people feel the whole situation was hopeless and there was no way out.

He said it appeared at a time in November following the worst week of terrorism on the island.

Sir Frank Soskice defending, said the article was accurate and reflected the opinions of different Cyprus communities. Expression of these opinions in absolute factuality, could only have a pacifying influence on readers, who would feel they were not being muzzled and that someone could express their feelings in public.

Youths On Trial

Warsaw, Jan. 2. The trial opened today in Bydgoszcz of 16 youths, charged with having set fire to a former radio jamming station, molesting policemen and committing "all sorts of violence and wrecking" in the Polish city on November 18.

The prosecution will attempt to prove that the defendants were guilty of banditry, in no way comparable

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SIGNOR TOGLIATTI

Japan To Act As East-West Bridge'

Tokyo, Jan. 2. The Japanese Government representative to the United Nations, Mr Renzo Sawada, left here tonight by air to attend the 11th General Assembly session scheduled to open in New York on January 3.

Japan was elected the 80th member of the United Nations last December 18.

Usually reliable source here said Mr Sawada was carrying with him instructions for the Japanese delegation outlining Japan's basic attitudes toward various issues scheduled to be discussed during the session.

The sources said during a recent meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Nobusuke Kishi, Mr Sawada was instructed to emphasize that Japan's role in the United Nations was to act as a bridge between East and West.

THREE POINTS

The usually reliable sources said Mr Kishi told Mr Sawada that:

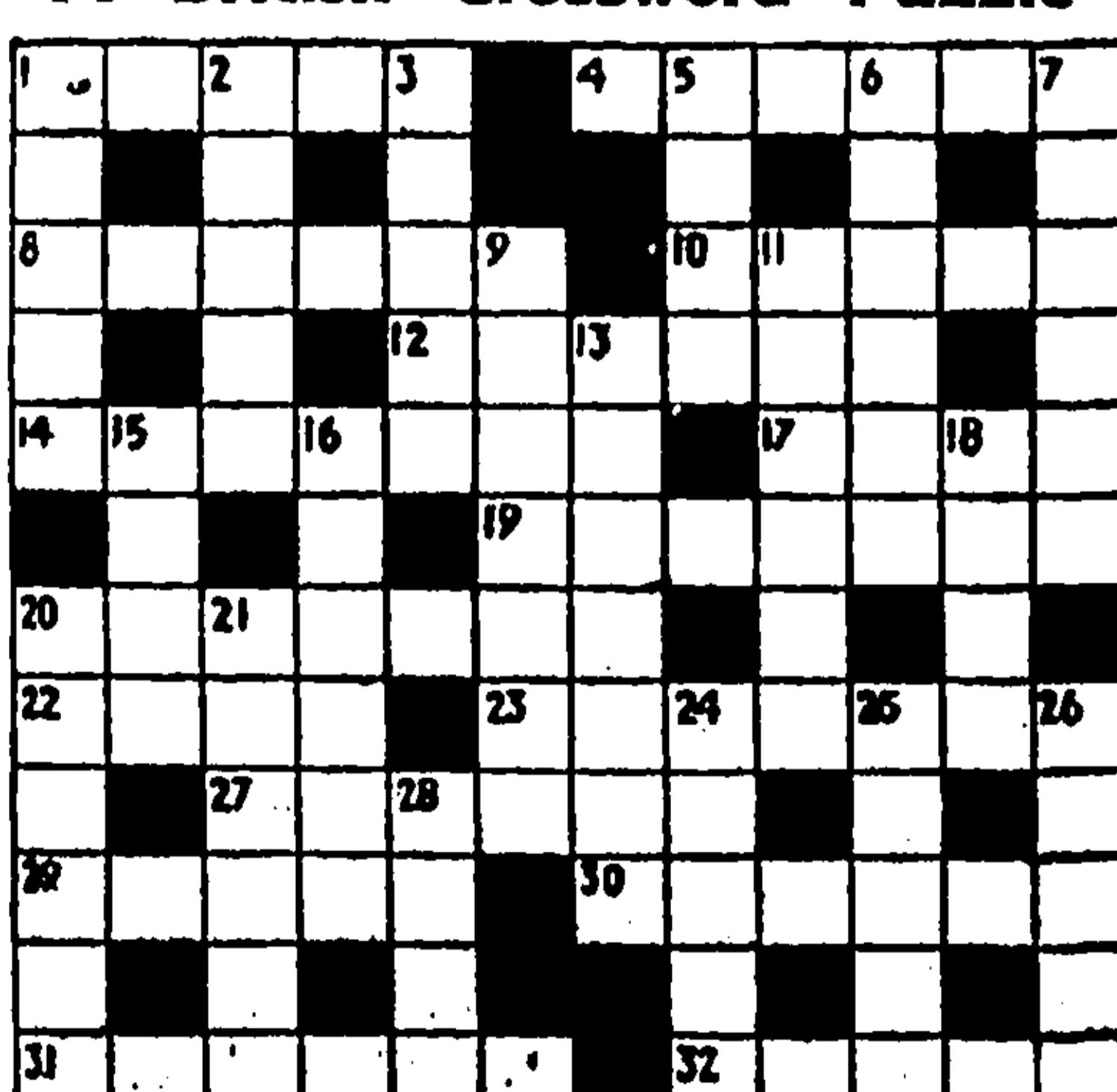
1. Japanese foreign policy was based on co-operation with the UN, and that Japan will work for peaceful solutions of all disputes.

2. That Japan will not side with any other country or bloc but judge every issue tabled before the United Nations on its individual merits.

3. In clashes between the East and West in the United Nations Japan will generally favour working with the Western powers and in clashes between advanced and underdeveloped countries Japan will try and adopt the role of mediator.

—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Blacklegs (6).
- Hairstress (6).
- Dodge (6).
- Birds (6).
- Reposed (6).
- Love affair (7).
- Assistant (4).
- Threw out (7).
- Go before (7).
- Archaic advice (4).
- Making things disappear (7).
- Unaccustomed (6).
- Facile (6).
- Period (6).
- Natural (6).
- Sinews (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Answers 3 Proposed, 6 Lock, 9 Overture, 11 Affluent, 13 Peat, 15 Side-line, 16 Ship, 21 Resisted, 25 Headlong, 26 Dial, 27 Provavia, 28 Down, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100.

SEEK GUIDANCE FROM BOSSES IN MOSCOW

Rome, Jan. 2. The largest Communist party in the free world, plagued by a snowballing revolt and puzzled by the zigzags of the Kremlin, cried out today for guidance from Moscow.

Italian Communist Party boss Palmiro Togliatti conferred hastily with his top aides on Russia's abrupt switch toward Stalinism, which threatened to destroy his ideological platform under his feet at a time of mounting crisis and mass defections.

Sources close to the Italian Communists said Togliatti had anxiously asked Moscow to explain the sudden scrapping of "different roads to socialism" theory by Soviet party boss Nikita Khrushchev. They said he was considering sending a top-flight delegation to Moscow to find out what is happening.

Straddled Fence

Togliatti cautiously straddled the fence on the issue of Stalinism at a stormy party Congress last month. He based his entire defence line against his critics on a nondescript "Italian road to socialism" on the apparent assumption that the slogan was safe.

Khrushchev's sudden denunciation of the "different roads" theory in an interview to the Czech party organ Rude Pravo came as a thunderbolt.

There was little doubt that Moscow-trained Togliatti would promptly fall in line with the latest Kremlin policy, whatever it is. But he might be unable to carry out his ideological retreat without serious losses.

Six leading intellectuals quit the party yesterday, and more were reported considering resignation, in a sequel to the expulsion of "rebel" Eugenio Reale, one of the most popular men in the party.

Cominform Founder

Reale, one of the founders of the Cominform in 1947, scathingly denounced the Soviet blood bath in Hungary and vowed all-out battle to win readmission into the party and stir it into revolt against Togliatti.

He scored an initial victory yesterday when the control commission, the party's second most powerful body, insisted on discussing his appeal against Togliatti's will.

No announcement was issued at the end of a stormy conference between Togliatti and control commission president Mauro Scocimarro. But in

FAST BOAC ATLANTIC FLIGHT

New York, Jan. 2. A British Overseas Airways Corporation DC-7C, latest plane to join the fleet, clipped nearly two hours off the scheduled time for the London-New York flight today.

Aboard the plane, which was making a final proving flight, were 41 passengers who supped on chicken and champagne over Ireland and breakfasted over Montreal before landing in New York an hour later.

The crossing was made in 11 hours and 20 minutes. The scheduled time for the DC-7C service, which operates January 6, is 13 1/4 hours compared with 17 1/2 hours for Stratocruisers.

FLIGHT VETERAN

Last night's flight took the passengers—correspondents and travel representatives—over Greenland and Labrador, a route that covered 3,820 miles at an average speed of 328 miles per hour.

Captain for the flight was Capt. Frost, a veteran of 500 Atlantic crossings, who was first officer aboard the Caribou, the Imperial Airways flying boat that made the first British commercial transatlantic flight in 1939.

A few weeks ago Capt. Frost set the London-New York record of 10 hours 40 minutes in a DC-7C. With a range of 5,000 miles and a cruising speed of 350 the DC-7C is hailed as the world's first airliner capable of making non-stop flights with full payload in both directions between London and New York.

ONE OF TEN

The DC-7C that made last night's flight is one of 10 bought at a cost of £13 million sterling, including spares, for BOAC.

In April the DC-7C will introduce the first BOAC service between London and San Francisco by way of New York.—United Press.

Resumption Of French-Tunisian Relations

Paris, Jan. 2. M. Maurice Faure, French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs will go to Tunis on Monday for an official visit lasting several days, the French Foreign Ministry announced here tonight.

His talks with members of the Tunisian Government will mark the resumption of normal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Tunisia with drew her Ambassador from Paris following the French arrest of five Algerian insurgent leaders last October while they were flying to Tunis for talks with Tunisian and Moroccan leaders.—Reuters.

SUEZ BASE LIQUIDATED

London, Jan. 2. The state-controlled Cairo Radio said in its Arabic broadcast tonight that the British State Oil Co. bases had been "liquidated and no longer exist in Egypt."

Cairo Radio quoted a leading Egyptian as saying that the

Admiral's Flag Presented To Paratroops

London, Jan. 2. An Admiral's flag which is to be displayed at Aldershot will long be a reminder of that generous co-operation in battle between soldier and sailor that is a British tradition. The flag of Vice-Admiral M.L. Power, CB, CBE, DSO, Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers, was flown in H.M.S. Eagle during the landing in the Port Said area by the paratroops of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade.

In a letter handing it over to the Paratroops' Commander, Brigadier M.A.H. Butler, DSO, MC, Admiral Power says: "It is with the greatest of pleasure that I send you my flag which was flown in HMS Eagle on November 6, 1950 when the Carrier Squadron, HM Ships Eagle, Bulwark and Albion, had the honour to support the landing of the 16th Parachute Brigade in Port Said."

"I would be pleased if you would accept this flag as a token of my own personal admiration of the great gallantry and superb fighting ability displayed by your officers and men in this historic operation. All my Captains, officers and men of the Carrier Squadron join me in this. The Fleet Air Arm is as proud and pleased as we can be that we had the good fortune to be of some assistance to your brave men."

CO-OPERATION

"I trust that the excellent co-operation in battle which we have achieved with you will continue undiminished in peace and in war, and that should a similar opportunity arise in the future the Fleet Air Arm will again have the honour and distinction of your company."

In his reply Brigadier Butler said: "Your gesture in presenting your flag is warmly appreciated by all ranks of 16th Independent Parachute Brigade Group.... I hope to have the privilege of visiting you shortly to convey my thanks for the magnificent support you gave us, which enabled us to achieve our objectives so quickly, and with so few casualties—without it we could not have undertaken the operation at all, and in the event it surpassed all our expectations."

"I can assure you that all ranks of this Brigade Group now have the very highest regard for the Fleet Air Arm and will consider it a great honour to co-operate with you again."

Admiral Power's flag and his letters are to be displayed in the Airborne Forces Museum at Aldershot in commemoration of this latest example of inspiring Army—Navy co-operation.—Benewits.

ONE OF TEN

CEMENTING JAP-SOVIET CULTURE

Tokyo, Jan. 2. The Japanese Ministry of Education said here today that Japan's cultural relations with the Soviet Union were expected to be firmly established during 1957 through the visits to this country of many Soviet artists.

A Ministry spokesman said the first Soviet visitor was expected to be Ilya Ehrenburg, the noted Soviet contemporary writer, who was scheduled to arrive here later this month on a three-week lecture tour.

In March Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich was expected to begin a Japanese tour and would be followed in May by Soviet pianist Emil Gilels.

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LAST A MONTH

The spokesman said both tours were scheduled to last one month.

The Ministry spokesman said plans also had been made to invite the Chinese People's Liberation Army to visit Japan during 1957.

The spokesman said in recent

IRA KEEP UP ATTACKS ACROSS BORDER



The IRA have been stepping up their attacks across the Eire-Ulster border during the past month. These pictures were taken during recent British operations. Picture top shows British troops and special constables of the Royal Ulster Constabulary gathering at Muiville Cross, a mile from where the raiders wounded a constable a few minutes earlier. Two suspects were captured. Picture bottom shows British troops stationed in Enniskillen in a troop carrier after probing the Muiville Cross area for IRA men.—Express Photo.

Alleged Attack On Yemini

New York, Jan. 2. Britain was accused by the Yemeni today of being responsible for a raid on a large bus on Yemen's southern border.

The accusation, which could lead to the Yemeni's withdrawal from the United Nations in a telegram to the Secretary-General Mr. Dag Hammarskjold.

The Secretary-General was asked to use his good offices "to put an end to this aggression" and also to circulate copies of the charge to member states.—Reuters.

Democrats Elect Leaders

Washington, Jan. 2. The Democratic members of the House of Representatives today re-elected Sam Rayburn of Texas as Speaker of the House and John McCormack of Massachusetts as majority leader.

Meeting on the eve of the opening of the 85th Congress, the Democratic Congressmen took no sanctions against members who had failed to support other Democrats during the presidential and legislative elections.

Wayne Hays of Ohio, had threatened to leave Adam Clayton Powell, Representative from New York's Negro district, expelled from the party because Powell had supported President Eisenhower.—France-Press.

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Canadian Pacific Railway Halted By Strikers

Montreal, Jan. 2.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) today went on strike against the Canadian Pacific Railways halting operation over its 17,000 miles of track in the first major rail strike in Canada in six years.

CPR headquarters in Saint John, New Brunswick, announced at 4 p.m. (1900 GMT) that "the strike is on."

Operations on the world's largest privately-owned railroad ground to halt first in the maritimes and spread westward as the 3,000 firemen began picketing from coast to coast. By the time the entire system is shut down, an estimated 75,000 CPR workers will be idle.

Trains on CPR lines in New Brunswick were ordered back to Saint John and those in Nova Scotia to Kentville. There are no CPR tracks in Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland. Nova Scotia routes are those of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, a CPR subsidiary.

Contract Violation

The company countered, during the lengthy conciliation hearings, that the railroad could be run efficiently and safely without firemen on yard and freight diesels. The company planned to continue to employ firemen on all passenger diesels but gradually remove firemen from yard and freight diesels.

The union said this violated its contract agreement which expired last March. No new contract has been signed and the union has continued to operate under the old agreement.—United Press.

Extra Buses

Extra buses and a fleet of more than 80 trucks stood by in maritimes centres to handle as many passengers and as much freight as possible.

Negotiations between the union and company broke down on Monday in Ottawa and were never reopened.

Members of the 39 Brotherhood locals voted to strike on December 28 in a contract dispute over the CPR's intention to eliminate firemen helpers with low seniority from all yard and freight diesel engines. The union contended that firemen

had been replaced by untrained

firemen helpers.

On the status of the others to be considered later at an unspecified time, "tantamount to 'pigeon-holing' the most important questions before the Committee."

The Soviet Union sought unsuccessfully to block priority for Korea, but the Committee majority agreed to put it ahead of the disarmament question after the United States said it would not be prepared to discuss disarmament for another week.—United Press.

US NON-COMMITTAL ON AQABA

Washington, Jan. 2. The State Department today failed to state the United States' position on the status of the Gulf of Aqaba in the Red Sea.

The spokesman said the United States had no objection to the United Nations' resolution to prohibit the use of the gulf by any country.

Reliable sources said this latest

non-committal attitude was

the result of a desire to avoid

any further complications in

the Middle East.

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COMMUNIST ENEMY NO. 1

By Maurice Manning

ONE day at the end of August, a visiting Soviet sportswoman called Nina Ponomareva went shopping in London and took a fancy to five hats. Nina was alleged by the shop to have removed these hats without paying for them. She was summoned to appear in court on a charge of theft, but the Soviet authorities would not allow her to do so, and claimed that she had been the victim of a "dirty provocation."

According to Soviet spokesmen, the alleged

that they were blamed for the delay in getting the hostile provocations in Poznan," said Pravda on July 16, "obviously did not realise who was instigating them.... Foreign hostile circles try to organise various kinds of provocation."

One cannot help shuddering at the thought of this band of desperadoes, hidden away somewhere hatching plots. Whoever can they be, these sinister "circles"? And where exactly is their hiding place?

A glance at the Soviet press shows that their interests and activities are far from being confined to

Whenever things don't go quite right in Soviet efforts to woo the free world, a mysterious but overworked bugbear known as "certain circles" is awarded the blame. According to Soviet propaganda, these circles are at work all over the world—"framing" Russian women athletes in London or obstructing Finnish-Soviet friendship in Helsinki.

"frame-up" of Nina was engineered by "certain circles" who aimed—in the words of a Tass report of September 1—at "preventing by all means the improvement and development of sporting relations between the Soviet Union and Great Britain."

Unscrupulous and bursting with venom, these "circles" are apparently forever on the watch for opportunities to "prevent at all costs the growing friendship between the British and Soviet peoples." On September 4, Moscow Radio warned its audience that they "are prepared to stoop to the foulest deeds" in order to achieve their objective. It was to be expected

Britain. During recent months, it seems, they have been appearing in the most disconcerting manner all over Europe. For instance, barely a week before the "provocation" of Nina in London, they were busy thinking up "foul deeds" in Finland.

On August 21, Pravda revealed that "the strengthening of friendship between the Soviet and Finnish peoples does not suit certain circles. These circles at times make considerable efforts to obstruct the further successful development of Soviet-Finnish relations."

And in July they were in Poland, whispering in the non-Communist parties, financed by foreign capital

and serving their interest," said Pravda on July 6.

Anything will serve these dastardly characters as an excuse for an attack on Russia. For example according to Pravda on May 30, "certain circles" are attempting "to develop around the question of automation a propaganda campaign against the Soviet Union."

But of all their foul deeds, the foulest was turning the Nazis on Russia in 1941. In one of his speeches in Bombay, Krushchev declared that it was "certain circles" who "hurled the big armed forces of Hitler Germany against the USSR."

These "circles" are clearly a bloodthirsty and belligerent lot, whom few of us would wish to meet. There is one group of people, however, to whom they must be a boon-harassed Soviet parents. How many children in the USSR, one wonders, are growing up to the refrain: "If you're a bad boy, Ivan, 'certain circles' will get you!"

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On May 16, Pravda warned that "aggressive circles are striving to spread war psychosis" and on April 16 Tass stated that "certain circles ... are seeking... to close the door on disarmament agreement once again."

Naturally, with such an outlook, this gang of crooks do all they can to undermine that great peace-monger, the Soviet Union. Not content with trying to sow dissension between Britain and Russia and between Finland and Russia, they are at work even inside the Soviet Union itself.

"Certain circles are interested in having in the USSR artificially created

parties, financed by foreign capital



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PETER TOWNSEND: AROUND THE WORLD BY LAND-ROVER. NOW—THE SECOND LAP

I HAVE DINNER WITH THE KHYBER CHIEF

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN AN ABSORBING PERSONAL ADVENTURE STORY

I EXPECT to spend Christmas at Hell Gate. That's the name of the pass at the head of the Burma Road where it crosses the frontier from Assam into Upper Burma.

Few travellers have been allowed to use this route since the war, for permission is seldom granted by the Indian and Burmese Governments. But I have been lucky.

I wonder how it will compare with the Khyber Pass. For passing through that famous divide from Afghanistan to Pakistan has been the highlight of what you might call the second lap of my round-the-world drive—the run from Teheran to New Delhi.

Rough road

FROM Teheran to Quetta, in Pakistan, I bumped and jolted, smothered in dust for nearly 2,000 miles.

At Quetta the Pakistan Army made me welcome. At the Staff College I met a Major Qasim, who three years ago drove from England to Quetta with a caravan in tow.

Crowded

THE Customs officer thought for a bit. There was something else on the list of contraband articles which he'd forgotten.

Ah! he'd got it, and a faint shadow of suspicion clouded his face.

"You have no piano?"

"No, no musical instruments."

Armed men

THE first thing you notice is the number of men, and even children, carrying rifles.

Not only are they free to carry weapons, but many of them do so from necessity, for they are in constant danger from tribal blood feuds.

The Khyber was not what I had imagined it to be. I had always thought of it as a long road cleaving its way through sinister-looking mountains, whence a shot might ring out, or a well-directed bullet come hurtling down to crush one.

It wears a distinctly modern look.

An excellent asphalt road marches confidently round the jutting promontories of rock and brings you smoothly to the top at Landi Kotal. There is a special track for camels and foot travellers, and a railway line runs the road directly, disappearing now and then into the solid rock and emerging unexpectedly a little farther on.

On the way down the other side I stopped because of a trouble. Which was lucky for me, for who should overtake me in the winding, precipitous, rocky road but the Afghans, who were carrying a dead man on a stretcher.

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This Funny World



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Pass the word along to Ma that I could use an ice-cream cone!"

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

AN ornithologist in Florence has opened a bird-school in which "canaries are taught to sing like nightingales," whether they want to or not. If I were a rival ornithologist, I would teach nightingales to sing like canaries, to prevent any avian hard feelings. The chief drawback to all this is that somebody with a sense of humour would probably teach nightingales to sing like thrushes; canaries like cuckoos and willow-warblers like chaffinches, thus throwing the whole bird-world into gigantic confusion, and making bird-watchers hop with rage.

Health Service
DOCTORS report that the explanation of the rush on cotton-wool is that people who

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGESacrifice Would Save
Slam Score

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT WAS reasonable for South to reach a contract of six spades in today's hand. He could make this bid with the slightest luck in spades, hearts, or diamonds, and actually succeeded even though all three suits broke badly.

Not so reasonable was East's decision to pass at six spades. East hoped to defeat the spade auction, but could not be sure of doing so. It would have been far safer to take the sacrifice at seven clubs, giving up a small amount instead of risking a big loss.

West led the singleton heart against the contract of six spades. Declarer won with the ace of hearts and led a trump to dummy.

NORTH

♦ A ♦ 4 ♦ Q ♦ 7 3 ♦ 4 ♦ 9 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ ♦ None

WEST

♦ 9 ♦ K ♦ J 10 8 5 4 ♦ ♦ None

♦ Q 10 5 2 ♦ ♦ None

♦ K Q 9 8 6 4 3 ♦ A J 10 7 5 2 ♦

SOUTH (D)

♦ A ♦ 10 7 6 5 3 ♦ ♦ None

♦ K ♦ A 2 ♦ ♦ None

♦ A ♦ K ♦ ♦ None

Both sides vul.

South West North East
1 ♦ 2 ♦ 2 ♦ 5 ♦ Pass Pass 4 Pass
Opening lead—♦ 9

my's ace. He next returned a diamond from the dummy, and East properly discarded a club. It would have done him no good to ruff.

South won with the ace of diamonds, continued with the king and queen of hearts, and ruffed dummy's last heart in his own hand. He then led a trump, forcing East to win with the king.

East now had to return either a heart or a club. In either case, dummy could ruff while South discarded the losing jack of clubs. The slam was thus avoided.

• CARD Sense •

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Heart Pass 3 Clubs Pass

You, South, hold:

♦ A ♦ K 10 9 ♦ Q ♦ 7 5 ♦ 4 ♦ 3 ♦

What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. Show that you have a balanced hand, with strength in at least one minor.

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"Sugar" Ray Robinson Relieved Of World Middleweight Crown

Bull-necked, bull-shouldered Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, battered 35-year-old Sugar Ray Robinson at times tonight like a boy whamming the feathers out of a pillow, and won the unanimous 15-round decision and the World Middleweight Championship, before 18,134 spectators in Madison Square Garden.

Fullmer, the first Utah-born boxer to become a World Champion in any division, weighed 167½ pounds to Robinson's 160.

Fullmer, the first Mormon World Champion in any division since Jack Dempsey, took the hardest shots of 35-year-old Ray and came back every time with plugging, countering, close-quarter attacks that slowed up Robinson again and again.

Fullmer knocked Robinson through the ropes, half on to the ring apron, with a left hook in the seventh round for the only knockdown of the bout.

Robinson was up and back into the fight at the count of five and angrily rocked 20-year-old Gene with a hard left hook to

the body and a right to the head as the session ended.

Robinson for the second time lost in the ring the 160-pound crown that he had given up once to retire. He lost because he no longer had the leg speed to evade stocky Fullmer's headlong rushes and he had to fall into repeated ellinotes with the brawny mauler from Utah's copper mines, who whaled away at Full's body with left hooks and with overhand rights that kept the taller Ray's head bobbing sideways and down nearly every second. — United Press.

DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

Find A Champion! Then Send Him Round America, Mr Solomons!

Cheerful as a Christmas card is jolly Jack Solomons, the Mr Micawber of Maul, who is still expecting a British World Heavyweight Champion to turn up.

He was at it again the other day, eyes sparkling like five-shilling tinsel stars, as he told me he is going in for more heavy-weight excavation — that on February 10 he will splash all of £5,000 on just one more sack at talent spotting.

Not even Mr Harold Macmillan—he's the chap who gets at your wages even before your wife—can stop the old cigar merchant from dreaming of a fight.

And dreaming of that bet* which says £10,000 to £10 that Jack Solomons will not produce a British World Heavyweight Champion by summer 1957. Brother, you'll have to hustle with your muscle to collect that cheque.

Solomons argued through his smoke screen of rarest Hayvan: " Didn't I find Jack Gardner from the talent show? Well, didn't I? And wasn't Joe Erskine in my talent show? Well wasn't he?" All right, all right, they were.

NOW LISTEN, CHAMP CHASER

But you listen, Champ Chaser, for a change. If you find a tough husky, don't send him off at once chasing that world title rainbow. Get him out of Britain, get him on the rough, tough grind of the American circuit.

Send him off to an American manager who will knock him into steel-hard shape instead of that bulging ditch which identifies so many of Britain's heavy-weight performers.

Too many good light prospects inhabiting these sporting isles have been eventually knocked sideways because their managers were merely 23 per cent as fast as their ticket holders.

I have been around the camps of British fighters and I have seen managers who had no more control over their boxing boys than a young curate at his first Sunday School outing.

So, Jack, if you're your man, remember Hackett's sadly proffered advice. And here's hoping you find that golden gloves husky. A new and prosperous boxing year.

And a merry Soccer year to the lads of Park Rovers. Aldershot I don't rate if you have never heard of them.

These youngsters send good luck greetings to the Birmingham team who asked me to find them a set of old jerseys so they could carry on playing.

A BIT SLOW THIS TIME

The lads of Park Rovers are still playing, although the big clubs, quick enough on the move if there is any talent snatched, refused to help the boys get into action.

For three seasons these kids have been taking a licking and taking home their slightly tattered shirts for mums to repair. But they have started winning now and in the Soccer year of 1957 they will be turning out in smart new white shirts, a present from Santa Claus Hackett, with Willey Barnes playing the good fairy.

From these sixpence-a-week Soccer starlets I ponder over the stories that Hungarian Soccer maestros queue patiently to sign for British clubs at £10 an autograph.

Wonder why they don't nip smartly across to Spain, where that football character Luisdav Kubala two years ago showed me the cheque for 6,000,000 pesetas, £60,000 to you, given to him for the simple exercise of signing a five-year contract to play for Barcelona.

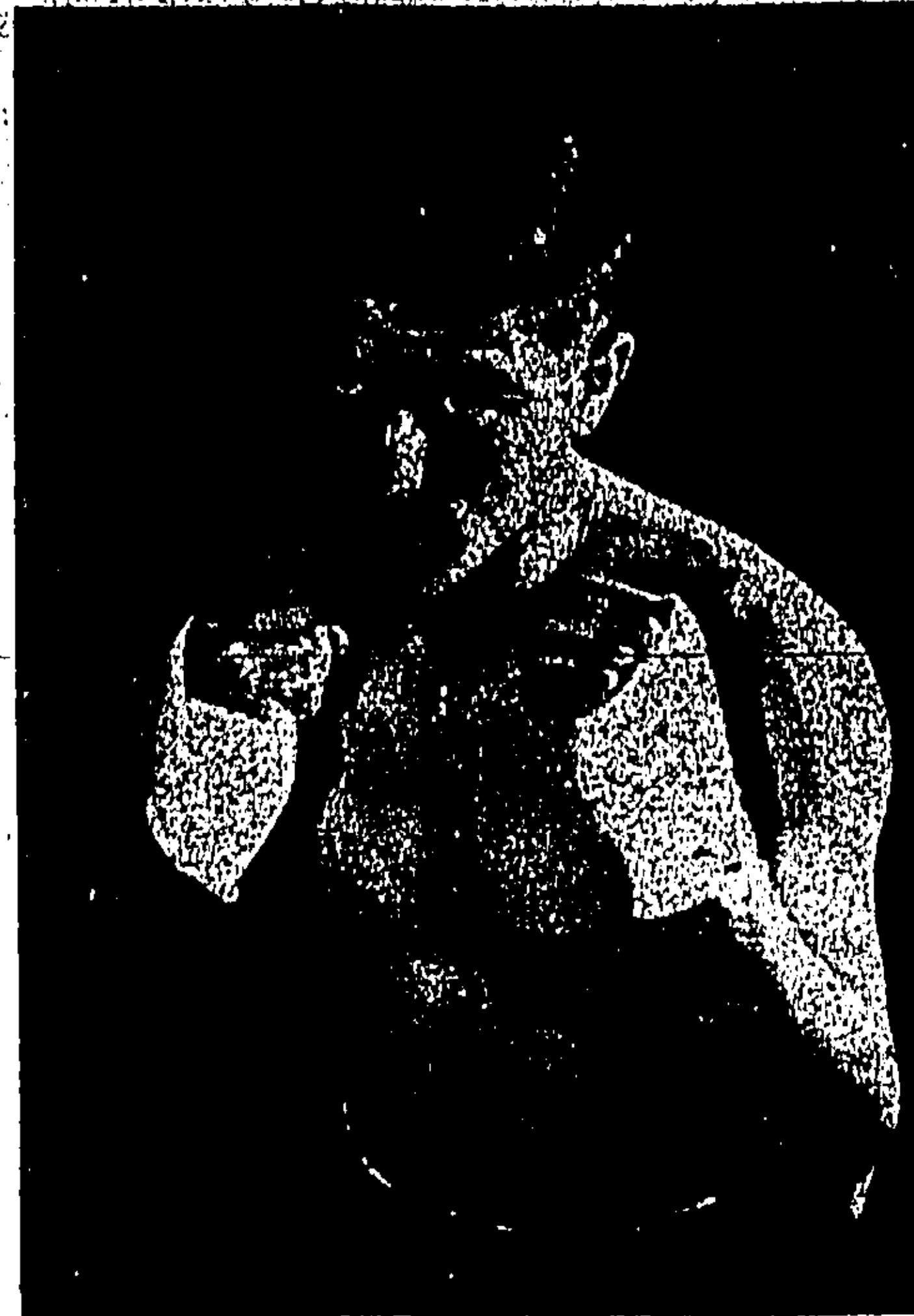
Nice football, if you can play it.

Ah well, I reckon the kids of Park Rovers will be just as happy with their white rigs.

* A London bookmaker challenged Solomons in May 1952 ... "£10,000 of my money to £10 of yours you don't produce a heavyweight champion of the world in five years." "Done" said Solomons.

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READY, SAYS HOWARD



Canadian Lightweight Champion Richie Howard, paying his first visit to London on the way home from his match with Willie Towell in Johannesburg, is staking his claim for a fight with British title holder Joe Lucy. He is also willing to box on Sammy McCarthy or Dave Charnley. Richie is in ninth place in the world rankings. — Reuterphoto.

COURAGE MAY TAKE EUDAEMON TO THE TOP

By JAMES PARK

No Yorkshire-trained colt has won the Epsom Derby in my time, but it would have been different if the Middleham (Yorkshire) trained Dante had been foaled a year later. He had to be content with the substitute race at Newmarket.

Charles Elsey is responsible for the training of Eudaemon, who will at least figure prominently in the early betting on next year's Derby.

The Malton (Yorkshire) trainer has saddled more winners than any other trainer in each of the past four seasons and this year topped the list for stake-money as well. That is a remarkable achievement for a man who was born 73 years ago.

Charles Elsey displayed sound judgment when he gave 1,000 guineas for Eudaemon when the colt came up for sale as a yearling. He was acting on behalf of Mrs E. Foster, for whom the colt won six of his seven races.

Eudaemon must have been below par the day Gold Bangle beat him by five lengths at Manchester. Elsey's charge won all his other races and those included the Grantham Stakes at York and Champagne Stakes at Doncaster.

COURAGE In the York race the colt did not look like being in the picture until approaching the last furlong. For a moment I thought he might not get a clear run but once he did he sailed past the leaders with the greatest ease.

He had a harder race at Doncaster, when Red God was going much the better after five furlongs, up to which point Eudaemon had made the running.

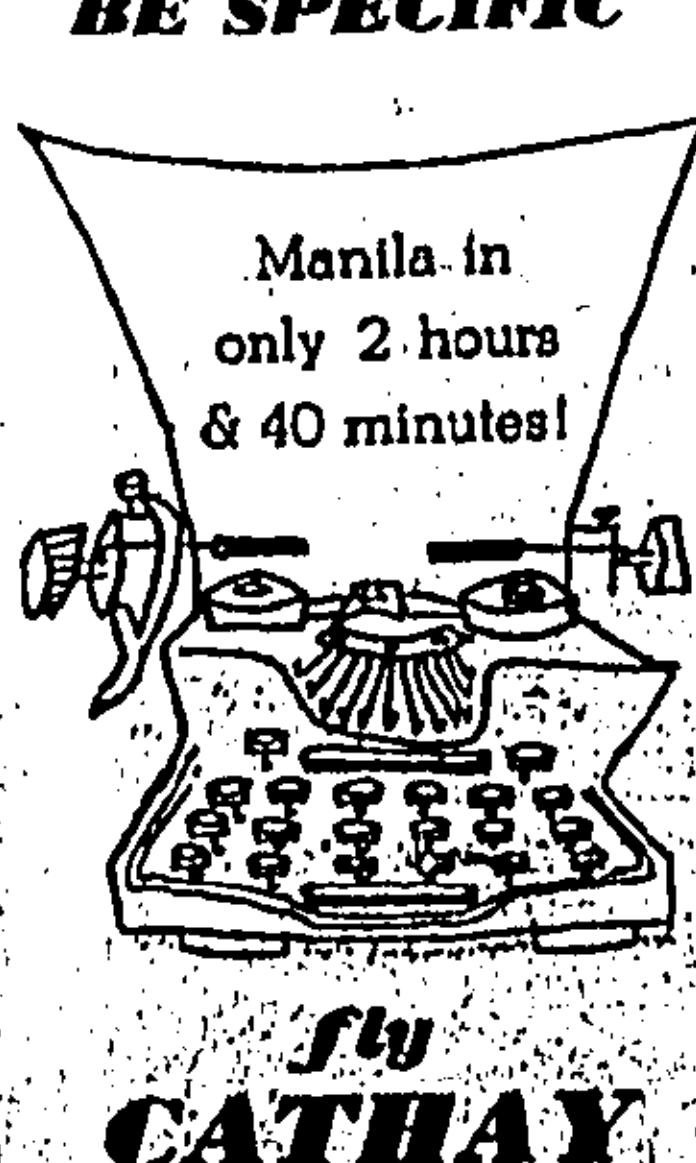
After appearing an assured winner, Red God folded up and Eudaemon, displaying fine courage, regained the lead in the last few strides for a head victory.

There is not much doubt Red God could have won if he had been so inclined, and his obvious superiority left me wondering whether Eudaemon could be quite at the top of the tree. The handicapper has played for safety, and Eudaemon is placed 1lb. below Pipe of Peace in the Free Handicap.

ADMIRABLE This afternoon, the Hungarian champions played at training camp with the local San Remo Third Division team, winning by seven goals to four after a fine display of team work which delighted the 4,000 spectators.

—France-Press.

BE SPECIFIC



INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

McKUEN GOT SLUGGED FOR LOOKING SOMEWHAT LIKE JAMES DEAN

By RON BURTON

Hollywood.

Since Rod McKuen is 23 years old and has appeared in five Japanese films, he figured it was time he tried his hand in a Hollywood production. He's doing it now at Universal-International where three of his many talents are being utilized simultaneously.

McKuen is a young man in a very pleasant quandary. He does so many things well that he has trouble sometimes deciding which talent to emphasize.

He works as an author, poet and songwriter have been published. As a folk singer, he has toured the United States and parts of Asia.

In the U-I production, "Rock, Pretty Baby," he calls on three of his talents. He acts, he sings and he composes—in fact, the two songs he sings were written by him. They are "Happy is a Boy Named Me" and "Picnic on the Sea," on which he collaborated with Bobby Troup.

THE SLUG

McKuen's history indicates that much may be expected of him. At the age of 16 he got his professional break when he joined the San Francisco Young Players. He won the London Critics Award for his portrayal of Romeo. The next thing he knew he appeared in several dramatic shows, had a radio show and turned out a newspaper column.

The Army gave McKuen's career a huge boost. As a member of its Special Services section he made a folk singing tour of Japan and Korea. He became a writer-producer for the United Nations Command Voice. And, while all this was going on, he also found time to knock out his first book, "And Autumn Came," and handle important roles in five Japanese films.

McKuen returned to civilian clothes and San Francisco, where he had night club engagements as a singer until he was invited as a telegraph clerk and messenger girl at Western Union.

That's because they thought I was 17 instead of 14."

The green-eyed, maple-blond actress said this meant working in the morning waiting on table, going to school until three in the afternoon and then working at Western Union from four until midnight.

AND THE LEGS

"You can see why it would have been difficult to go to high school dances on that four-year schedule," she said.

In the Walker story she plays the role of Betty Compton, Broadway musical star of the 1920's. Plenty of work went into making a non-dancer into a professional stage dancer. Paramount's choreographer took her in hand and was delighted with her progress.

There's only one thing that bothers McKuen. He apparently looks somewhat like the late James Dean, the promising young actor who died in a car crash.

Once a woman slugged him after yelling, "Don't look so much like Jimmy Dean!"

"Funny thing," McKuen said, "but it happened so fast I never did get a look at her. Oh, well."

Paul Stewart, a New Yorker who made a name for himself as an actor and director, thinks graduates of New York's Actors Studio are strictly grandstand players and not members of the team of any dramatic production.

"I think of them as the do-it-yourself boys and girls," he said. "Or, if you prefer, graduates of the Selfish School of Acting.

"These actors and actresses pay no attention to what the other performers are doing or to what the director suggests. They care only about their own feelings."

Stewart thinks of any dramatic effort as a team effort. He feels that any good actor will realize he can't carry the show by himself and will try to blend his character portrayal with the wishes of the director and the other actors.

"These guys ask themselves only one question," Stewart said. "They say, 'Do I feel it inside?' Notice that—do I feel it inside? That's their only concern. In worrying about their own feelings they forget the most important point. This, of course, is determining whether the audience sees what they are trying to get across."

SPONTANEOUS Wait till you see her dancing in the movie—she's a real pro."

Paramount had another pleasant shock after discovering that she could learn to dance so well. Apparently someone had overlooked the fact that Miss Miles was Miss Kansas of 1948 and placed third in the Miss America contest that year.

"Her legs!" a studio man said. "The best seen around the studio since Marlene Dietrich. Boy, what a pleasant surprise, and it certainly isn't going to hurt the picture."

The early life of producer-director Mervyn LeRoy includes a job as an extra in chariot race scenes at Paramount and grandstand players and not members of the team of any dramatic production.

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announces the appointment ofMr. JEROME T. LIEU
MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG SERVICE OFFICE
for the
Insurance Company of North America
St. George's Building
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MAKING
WAR TOYSBonn, Jan. 2.
West German toy firms, though working hard
to win more export markets, are leaving one
field almost entirely to their competitors: war
toys.The industry expects to set up an export
record of about £18,000,000 this year, about ten
per cent above last year's record.But among the 70,000 toys in
its selection, there are only a
very small number of warlike
articles—mainly tanks with
foreign markings, soldiers in
foreign uniforms, aeroplanes and
the occasional pistol, usually of
police or cowboy type.Even though West Germany
is now building up her own
army, no manufacturers are
showing any eagerness to enter
the war toy market. No tin
soldiers modelled on the new
soldiers are yet available. "We
only have Indians and frontier
policemen," one dealer said.

Great Feeling

There is a general feeling
within the trade that war toys
should not be encouraged. Two
leading dealers chosen at
random said that they stock war
toys, but do not put them on
display. They are rarely asked
for."The great part of our public
has had enough of war," one of
them told me. "They might ob-
ject if I put war toys in my
window. I do not want to any-
way. It is not that I am against
us having an army to defend
ourselves, but it is not necessary
for children to be brought up
with war toys."Hein Werner Wiedling, a
member of the staff of a Munich
toy firm, in a recent speech at
a trade meeting, emphatically
opposed the manufacture of war
toys, which he called "murder
apparatus in miniature."The West German toy industry,
which exports to more than
100 countries, has as its main
competitors Japan—probably the
world's largest toy exporter—and,
in recent years, Italy.Britain's toy industry, which
exported about £6,000,000
worth of toys last year is also
being taken very seriously by
West Germans.

Exports

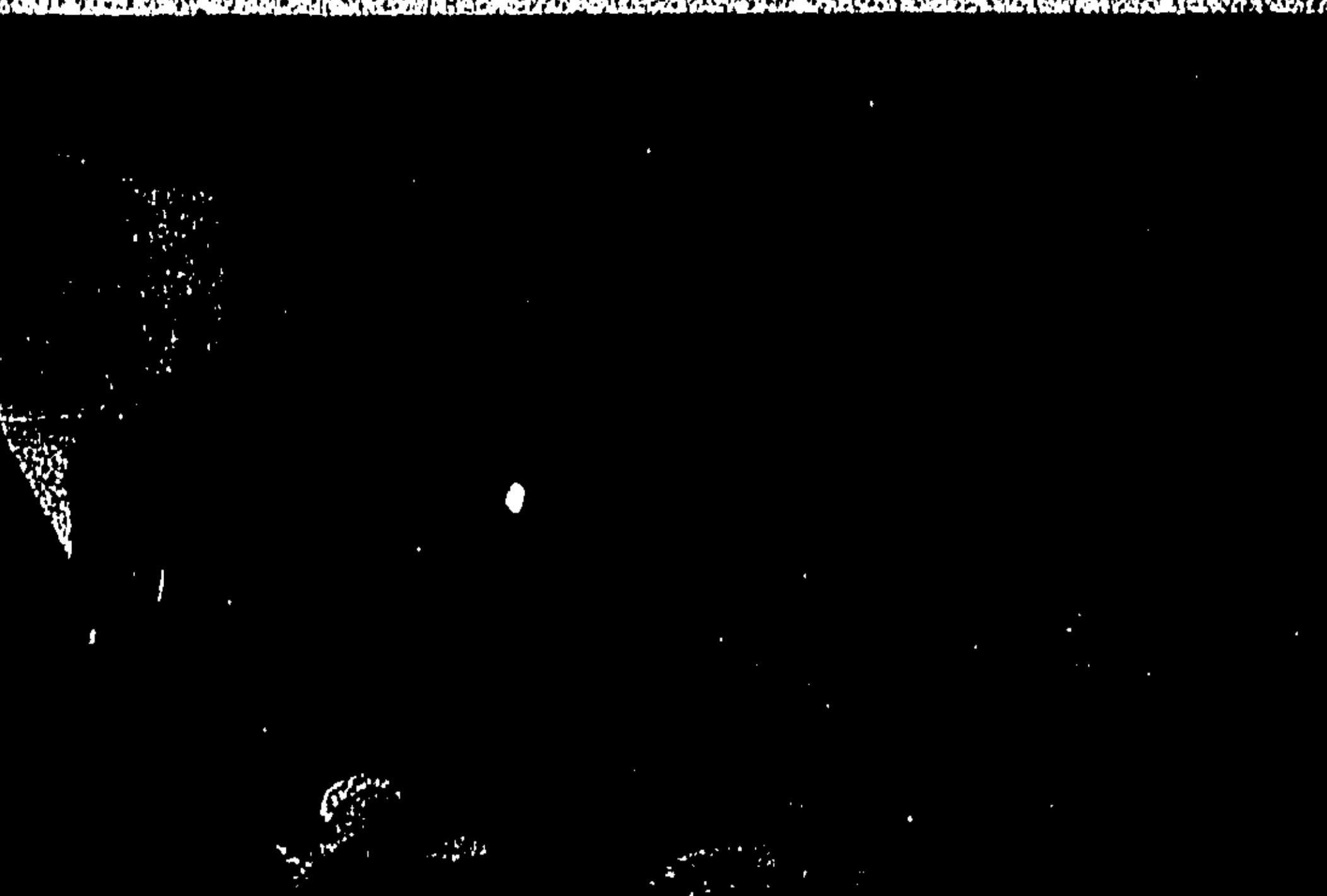
A recent article in the trade
magazine, "Das Spielzeug" (The
Toy), recorded the British toy
industry's decision to start its
own annual toy fair and praised
the number of British lines, parti-
cularly lifelike dolls made from
vinyl plastic, books, con-
struction kits and tool kits.The West German industry's
exports amount to about 50 per
cent of its total production. Its
main customers are the United
States, where competition with
Japan is particularly fierce,
Sweden, Switzerland,
the Netherlands, Italy, Britain, Bel-
gium, Austria, Australia and
Canada.Electrification
Scheme
In PhilippinesMarina, Jan. 3.
President Macapagal's rural
electrification programme finally
got off the blueprint stage
yesterday as the Cabinet ap-
proved a bond issue of US\$32,
000,000, with which to start
the programme.One of the basic objectives
of the programme is the
construction of the Blinga
hydroelectric project in Ben-
gues, capital mountain province in
Northern Luzon, whose esti-
mated total cost is US\$52.5
million.When completed, the Blinga
project would complement the
recently finished Ambukao
hydroelectric plant in Bengues. Both
plans are calculated to
meet the needs of Northern and
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Gomulka's Poland
Offers Freer
Life For Actors

By THOMAS HARRIS

Stockholm, Jan. 2.
M. Gomulka's Poland offers a freer life
for stage folk, according to Mr Jerzy Kawka,
a former professional actor and member
of the Polish Communist Party's Creative
Arts Committee.Nevertheless, this freer life
is not free enough for Mr
Kawka. He has given up
a successful career in Warsaw
and is now settling down in
Sweden."Actors can now select
Western plays, rehearse them
by Western methods and perform
them with Western techniques," he said. "This
freedom is, however, licensed. Polish
actors and producers have the
same degree of freedom as a
man with a loose noose round
his neck. Moscow has allowed them,
like the rest of Poland, more rope. But if they stay
too far over to the West, the
men in the Kremlin will pull
the noose tight and strangle
them."

FOUR TYPES

Selection of plays was
hitherto made in accordance
with directives issued by the
Communist party through
the Creative Arts Committee. These
directives permitted four
types of plays:

- 1. Production plays urging workers to increase their output.
- 2. Political plays preaching communism.
- 3. Soviet Russian plays of any type.
- 4. Western plays "such as do not have reactionary themes."

This last proviso was applied
so narrowly that even some of
Shakespeare's historical dramas
were banned. Now, plays by
the French author, Jean
Anouilh, and other "controversial"
writers are"Another result was a falling
off in the standard of acting.
Ideology killed our artistic
enthusiasm. This again led to
many failures. The 'Dry Country', after its eight months
in production, only ran for
about ten nights. Sometimes
the audience was only about 40
persons.""The result of this ideological
rehearsal was to delay produc-
tion. For example, the 'Dry Country', given
at the Warsaw Popular Theatre
earlier this year, took eight
months to produce. I have
known other plays take ten
months to produce."Performance techniques were
also compressed in an
ideological strait-jacket, Mr
Kawka continued."The best example I can
recall is from Stalin times,
although conditions remained
bad until about one year ago
when the slow improvement
began."

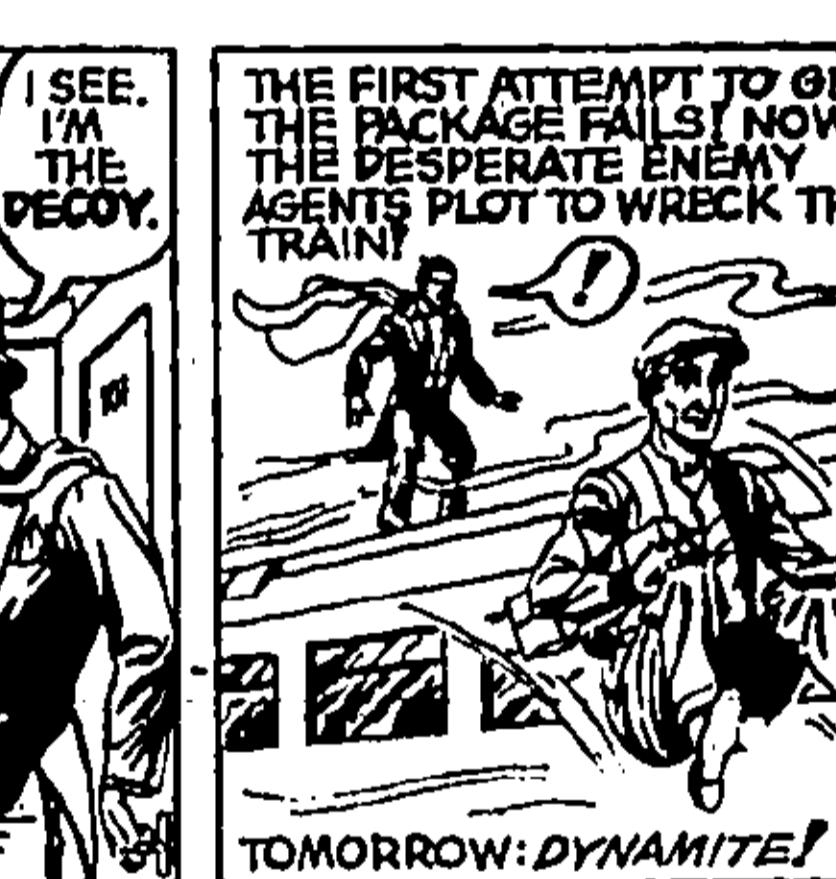
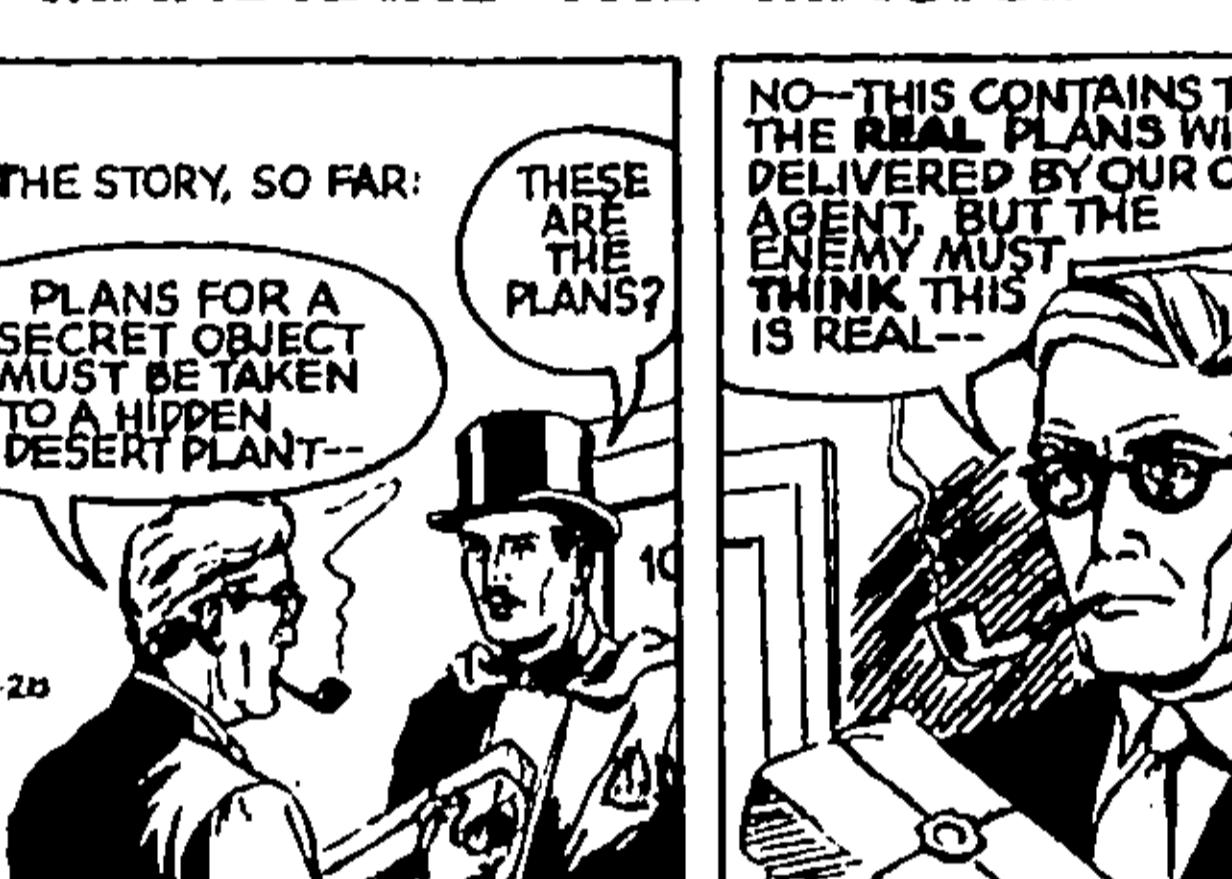
IDEOLOGY

"In the play, 'Happiness,' I
played the part of an adjutant
who burst in on a group of
people discussing Communist
ideology in a private home. I
brought them not threats or
terror but a plate of cakes
from Stalin. Each member of
the group had to register his
joy in different ways, some by
smiling, others by cheering and
others by rant silence.""The whole performance, we
knew, would be judged by the
way the spectators, but experienced,
stated reacted to a
biscuit from Stalin.""Another drudgery, from
which actors in Gomulka's
Poland escape in the two hours
of political instruction each
week, which was compulsory
until very recently. This was
additional to the study of
texts and the ideological
pilgrimages."Mr. Kawka said that these
restrictions have discouraged
men and women from entering
the theatrical profession so that
there is now a shortage of
trained actors in Poland. To
qualify as a trained actor,
novices had to study four years
at a school of drama and then
do one year's practical
work.To overcome the shortage,
the State has given professional
status to the amateur actors
who used to act at the amateur
theatres studied about the
country. These amateur theatres
have been nationalised.

TWO MEASURES

The result of these two
measures is that Poland has
about 3,000 actors playing in
about 100 national theatres. In
Mr. Kawka's opinion, however,
about 1,000 of the actors are
still amateurish in their
technique. The present conditions
now should help them to
improve."The result of the new
measures is that the amateur
theatres are now professional
and the professional theatres
are amateurish.""The result of the new
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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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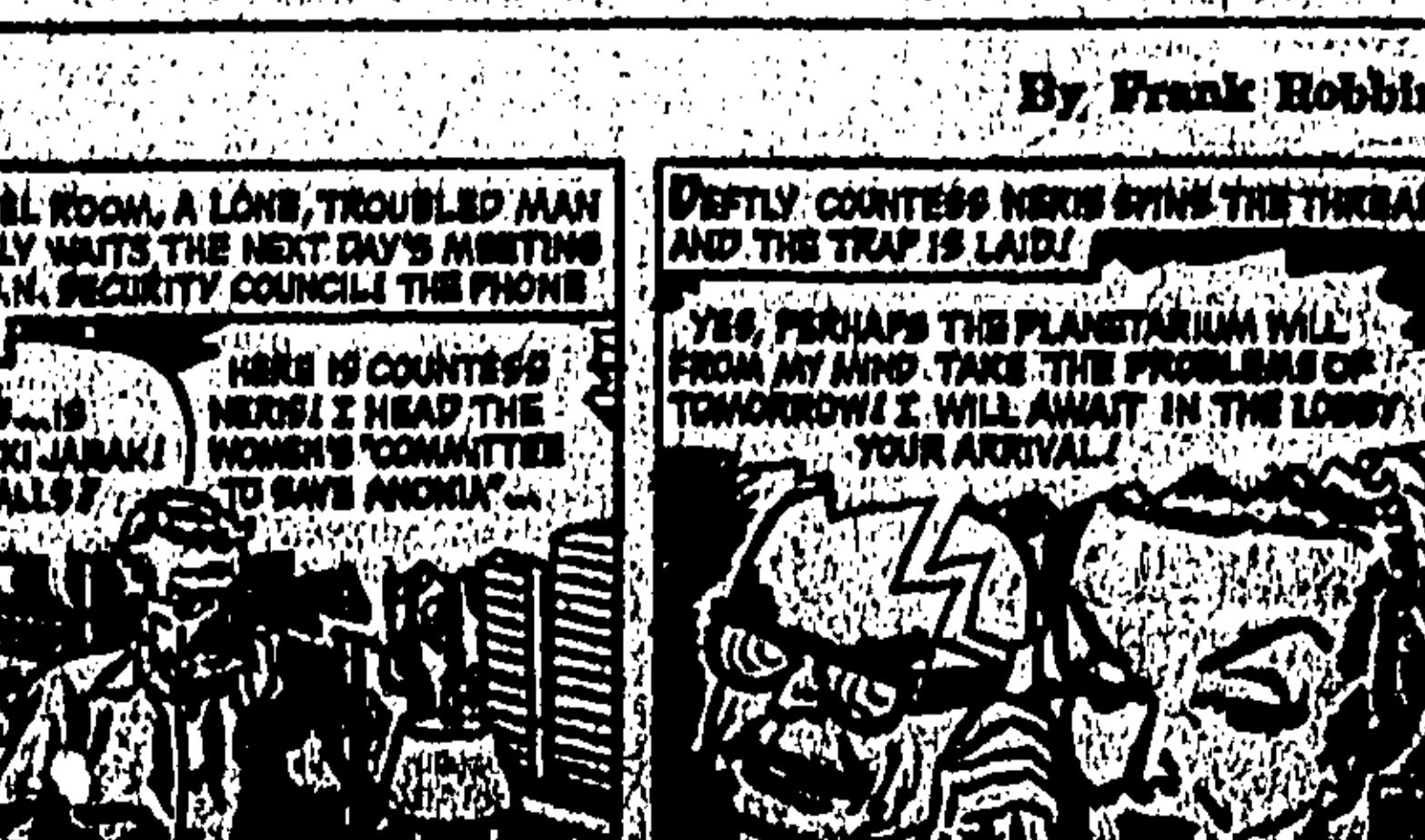


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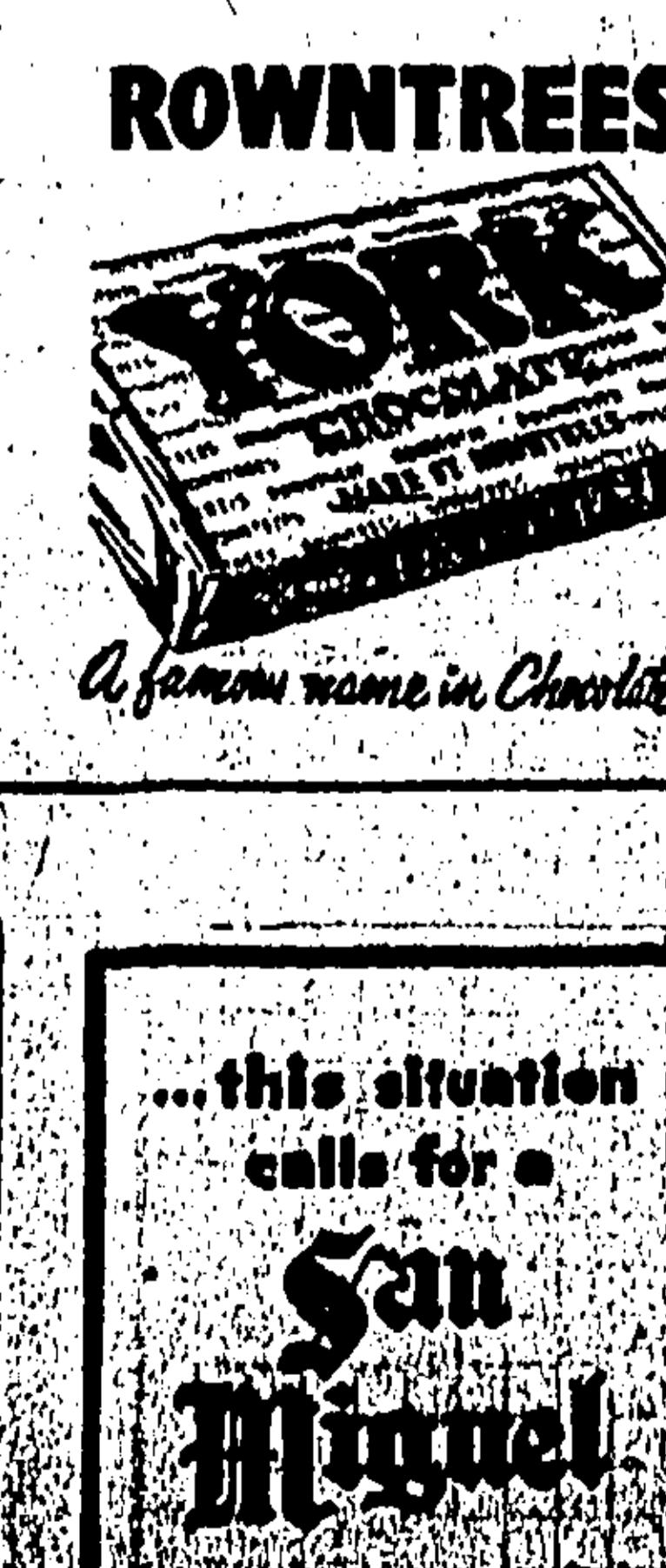
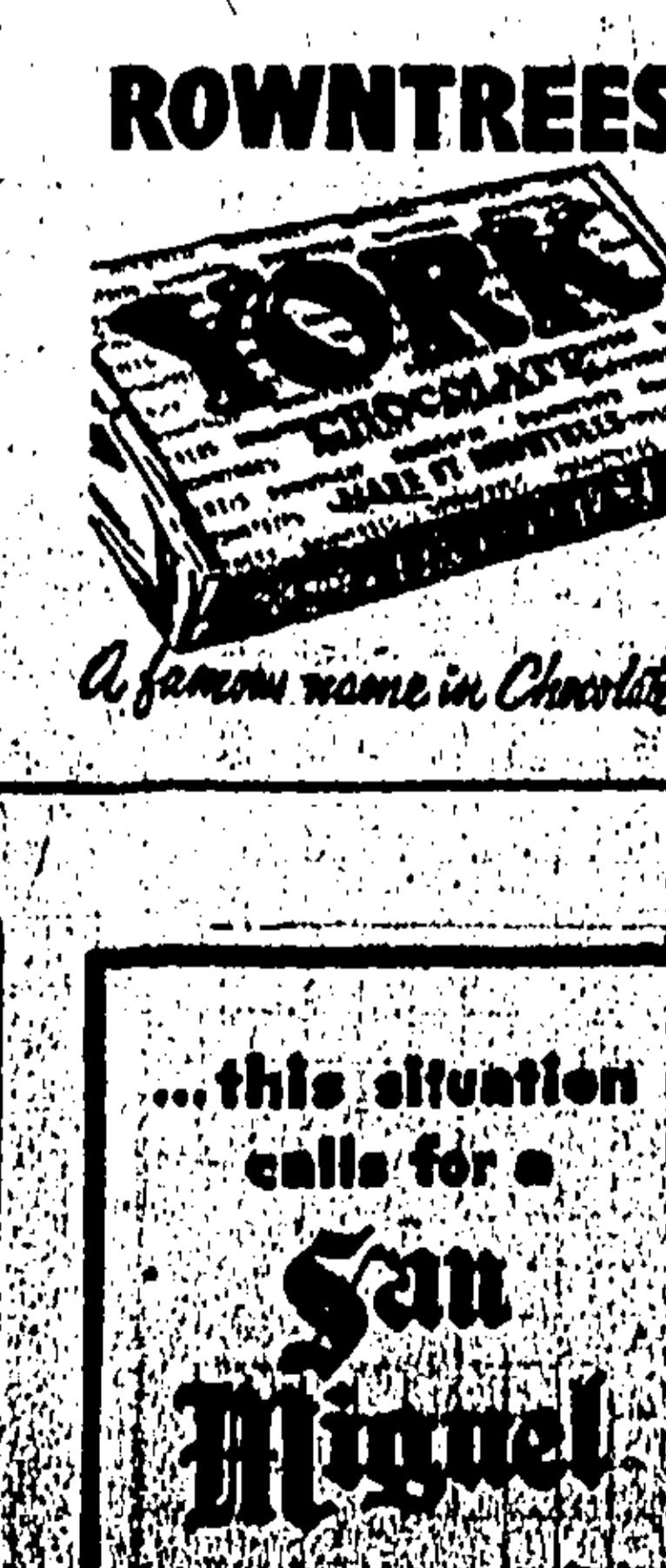
NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



By Frank Robbins



JOHN CLARKES CASEBOOK

Breaking Up

THE railway stations have been rich this week in shy, tender, touching reunions—parents meeting boys and girls from boarding schools.

The eyes of mothers misted with unalloyed affection. In fathers, pride and apprehension mingled as they tried to size up the young hopefuls, their prospects, their prospects.

So once had Alan's father gone to greet his son, filled with high hopes, and half with vague, disturbing fears.

Alan's career at a famous public school ended. He sailed to India to learn how to be a tea-planter.

THIRST

WHAT went wrong out there is not told. But Alan stayed only a week in India. Home again, he worked as a salesman served through the war as a corporal in the R.A.F., then became an actor.

Alan has the cut and carriage of an actor. He is a fine, big, handsome man. But he left acting after a few years and became, first a salesman-clerk to a wine merchant, then a cinema under-manager. At some stage, too, he developed a fearsome, compelling thirst for alcohol, and at another married a woman 14 years older than himself.

TOO SERIOUS

ALAN's next job was as wine-steward in a liner. When he came home from the East, he was bond-slave to the bottle.

For ten days of total recklessness he plunged around the West End, leaving behind him a trail of useless cheques. Then, when he had drunk only one bottle out of two cases of whisky and gin he had "bought" with a dud cheque, Alan left the West End. He fled to a hospital and asked them to treat him for alcoholism.

It was at the hospital that he was arrested. At Bow Street he pleaded guilty to all the frauds. "I only wish I could overcome this craving," he said. "I know I can, if I'm given a chance."

Mr John Marion, QC, the magistrate, shook his head. "I'm very sorry for you," he said, "but this is much too serious."

Alan was sent to prison for four months. He went away with a tired, shrug. A man whom a famous public school had moulded, whom numberless obscure public bars had undone.

Radio Hongkong

11.30, Programme for Older Children presented by Elizabeth; 5.55, Stock Market Report; 6. Time Signal, Programme Summary; 6.02, Australia's Hit Hour; 6.30, V.O.C. Hit Parade; 6.55, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal; The News; 7.05, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 7.15, A Life of Bliss (BBCTS). Written by Godfrey Arkwright. Produced by Leslie Bridgeman; 7.45, "Quiet Listening"; Hector Chauvin at the Organ; 8. Beginners Please; Composer: John Wallace. Producer: Michael G. Smith. Broadcast: 8.30. A magazine entertainment for most ages, in which there is music of a sort, meeting from time to time with a programme in sound and all manner of trivia for your distribution; 9. Time Signal. The News and Home News from Britain; 9.15. At the Opera. "Mariana" (Picot). Act 1. Performances with Orchestra and Chorus of Radio television's Italiano. Turin under the direction of Francesco Molinari. Broadcast: 9.30. Christmas Holiday. "Symphony Concerto" cond. by Jack Shandlin; 10.30, "Angel Pavement" (BBCTS). By J. D. Priestley. Dramatised by Howard Argel. Broadcast: 11.15. A repeat of last Sunday's broadcast; 10.30, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal. Radio News; 11.30, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tunes; 3. Romantic Cycles—Selections from "My Fair Lady"; 3.30, Newstare; 4. Romance of the World—Merry Ann; 4.45, "The Story of the Year"; 4.50, Vocal—Yours; 5. Children's Corner—Presented by Auntie Pamela; 5.30, Teen Time—Presented by Betty Scott; 6. "The Young People"; 6.45, "The House of Peter McDoover"; 7. Time Signal and the News; 7.45, Weather Report. An hour later, "The Young People"; 7.50, Benny Goodman Show; 7.45, Singing Strings; 8. Personality Parade—Concert; 8.15, "Carnival Show"; 8.30, Home Music; 9. Time Signal. News and Home News from Britain; 9.30, "Denny Dale Show"; 10.15, "The Story of the Year"; 10.30, "Picot and the Orchestra"; 11. Date with Doreen; 11.30, "Picot"; 12. "Goodbye" has the all-time South as he will very soon ride up.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

BUSHFIRE SCOURGE AGAIN

From H. KING WOOD

The grim prophecies being made by bushfire authorities over the last few weeks that the State was a tinder box, came true last week when during one searing hot day Sydney was ringed with fires described as "the worst in living memory".

In a few blazing hours more than 14 homes, a church, 37 cars, trucks, motor cycles, and thousands of fowls and ducks were destroyed by flames which spread over a wide area.

The Chief Secretary, Mr C. A. Kelly, placing a complete ban on the lighting of fires in the open until January 2, declared that all authorities considered that the State faced the gravest fire danger in history. He has placed the fire-lighting ban over the holidays to prevent happy holiday makers, not used to outdoor fires, setting the State alight, although the ban will hit at thousands of campers, caravanners and picnickers who, for the last few days, have been pouring out of Sydney on holiday roads.

May it be difficult for people living in cooler or less bushy lands to visualise the terrible spectacle of bushfire. NSW, indeed most of Australia, has always faced the danger, but it has become more grave in recent years, firstly, because continuous wet seasons have turned the Australian bush into a lush pasture and secondly, because of our vast increases in population. It has been necessary for people to get further and further away from inhabited areas and out into the timbered and bush country.

Practically no rain has fallen in NSW since the middle of the year, with the result that the heavy undergrowth has become tinder dry.

A cigarette butt from a speeding car is sufficient to start flames roaring from tree to tree, and during the fires this week the flames were rising 100 feet from the tops of gum trees.

Policemen taking a few hours after dealing with record Christmas crowds were called out to fight fires. Servicemen were rushed from barracks to save homes. Radio stations broadcast messages to people at work, asking them to immediately leave their jobs and help save their possessions.

Bad as is the danger to Sydney, surrounded as it is by a huge green belt stretching from the coast north 60 miles out to the Blue Mountain and back again to the coast on the south, it is not so great as that which faces farmers and graziers inland. They say a spark or a broken bottle at the right angle, for the sun's rays can start a fire that could sweep through the State, destroying hundreds of thousands of sheep, cattle and possibly millions in equipment, stores, sheds and homes before it burns out.

This Christmas has been a record for goodwill, spending crowds and buying, but there are many who fear that before the holidays are over NSW will have suffered one of the worst disasters in history.

After ten days of indecision Mr Leslie Bury now finds that he must give away his £7,500 a year job for one worth something like £2,500.

By a dishearteningly small 10-odd majority he has won the seat in Parliament for what should have been the blue-ribbon seat of Wentworth, previously held by Sir Eric Harrison, now High Commissioner in London.

Young Les Bury, who represented Australia and South Africa on the Board of Directors of the World Bank, must have felt something like a champion boxer who, instead of having an easy KO against an amateur opponent, finds himself rather mercilessly battered before getting a points decision.

Having won the rather difficult pre-election fight for Wentworth he was then clapped on the back and told he had a smooth passage to Canberra. Instead he found he had to battle grimly with a number of seasoned independent opponents who at one stage looked like getting the decision. As a political candidate, Bury was nothing out of the box. His opponents, on the other hand, were most skilled in the burly, brawly politics and maybe the fact that he managed to scrape in speaks well for the liberal soundness of the Wentworth election.

Having made the grade, Bury has the all-time South as he will very soon ride up.

EAGER RESPONSE

Two hundred and seventeen entries have been received from all parts of the world in a competition for a design for a NSW State Opera House. Designs have come from 32 countries and of the 217 entries received Australian architects have submitted 61. Fifty three designs came from Britain, 49 from European countries and 24 from the United States.

First prize, for the successful architect, will be £5,000, 2nd £2,000 and the 3rd £1,000.

The Chairman of the General House Committee, Mr Haviland, said that the Committee was highly gratified at the response.

He added that the volume and quality of the material available provided ample assurance that the winning design will be something really outstanding.

The prize-winning designs will be announced early in February, after which the National Art Gallery will hold a public exhibition of the designs.

The Site for the suggested Opera House is on the waterfront near Circular Quay and no announcement has been made as to when the work of building it is likely to begin.

Thieves Steal Rings

Two unarmed Chinese entered the first floor of No. 14, Red Lion Street, Liverpool, at 11.45 p.m. last night and stole gold rings worth £100 and other valuables.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Just talk to him on any topic—juvenile delinquency, real estate, weight reducing, jelly recipes—anything that comes to your mind!"

John Sebastian's Harmonica Recital

The harmonica is coming to be recognised more and more as an instrument worthy of serious consideration. It can no longer be dismissed as only fit for frivolous occasions or so-called popular music. When a composer so distinguished as Vaughan Williams writes a work especially for the harmonica, then it is time to concede that it is a musical instrument in its own right.

This was borne out by the harmonica recital given last night by Mr John Sebastian at Wah Yan College Hall, Hong Kong, presented by Mr Harry Odell, who has already given Hong Kong audiences the opportunity of hearing another virtuoso on the harmonica on a former occasion.

revelled an amazing richness; his virtuosity, agility and breath control were outstanding and the musical suitability of the works beyond question.

INTERESTING FUTURE

Naturally, as little music has yet been written expressly for the harmonica, the repertoire is limited, and it is quite in order to experiment with all types of music. The instrument itself will doubtless develop, too, but it is probably safe to say that it will never be entirely satisfactory as a substitute for the orthodox wind or stringed instruments. For music such as that contained in the second half of Mr Sebastian's programme, the harmonica has an interesting future.

There is no doubt at all that Mr Sebastian is a sound musician of good taste, and an extremely accomplished player of his instrument. He used a micro phone, but it was very carefully tuned and adapted, so that at no time was the volume, unfortunately, too loud.

A spokesman for the Department of Labour and National Service said the amount of clothing and other goods given to the recent arrivals has been a tremendous amount, of course, for help has been given to them by Hungarian settlers who have been in this country for some time.

The programme was divided into two distinct parts: the first consisted of classical works originally composed for flute or violin.

There is no doubt at all that Mr Sebastian is a sound musician of good taste, and an extremely accomplished player of his instrument, which will give enthusiasts and doubters an opportunity of hearing the instrument at its best.

It was agreed that it was unfortunate that the deceased was released from Hospital when he was, but you must remember that he appeared to be in perfectly good health," he said.

Mr Morley-John continued: "You heard Dr Thomas, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of London and Edinburgh say that every day the medical profession must take calculated risks." He urged that members of the Jury, as men of the world, to apply common sense to such criticism.

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